late in the day, 25 years after the last permission was granted, to hold that because of this disinvestment, it must be presumed that there is a transfer of land to the non-tribal in the year 2001 even though the land continues to remain with BALCO to whom it was originally transferred. The giving of land to BALCO on lease was in compliance with the provisions of Section 165(6) of the Revenue Code. Moreover, change of management or in the shareholding does not imply that there has now been any transfer of land from one company to another. If the original grant of lease of land and permission to transfer in favour of BALCO between the years 1968 and 1972 was valid, then, it cannot now be contended that there has been another transfer of land with the Government having been reduced its stake to 49%. Even if BALCO had been a non-public sector undertaking, the transfer of land to it was not in violation of the M.P. Land Revenue Code."

In view of the clear finding of the Supreme Court the question (a) & (b) does not arise.

Repair of Ganga dragline machine in Jayant Project of Northern Coalfields Ltd.

†2524. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 50 crores were spent on repairs of Ganga dragline machine under Jayant Project of the Northern Coalfields Limited in the year 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that repair work was got carried out by local people and not from the original company resulting in payment of fake bills;

(d) whether Government propose to conduct an enquiry into the whole matter after transferring officers connected with the operation of 'Ganga dragline machine'; and

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(e) if so, by when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) It is not a fact that an amount of Rs. 50 crores were spent by NCL on the repair of Ganga Dragline machine during the year 2000-01. The actual expenditure incurred for the refurbishment of Ganga Dragline at Jayant project of Northern Coalfields Limited during the year 2000-2001 was Rs. 23.853 crores as under:

Spares utilised by procure-ment	Spares utilised from stock	Miscellaneous expenses (Iron & Steel). Insurance, Hiring of machin-ing tools from M/s. BE and other contractual jobs	Technical service fee for overall supervision of refurbishment to M/s. BEML (A Govt. of India undertaking and Indian manufac-turing partner of OEM)	Total
Rs. 15.166 crores	Rs. 6.734 crores	Rs. 1.5 crores	Rs. 0.453 crores	Rs. 23.853 crores

(c) The entire refurbishment work was done departmentally except a few highly technical works under the supervision and technical assistance of M/s. BEML (a Govt. of India undertaking) who are the manufacturing partner in India of the original equipment manufacturer.

Some miscellaneous small jobs like welding, machining, denting and painting etc. for which company does not have infrastructure/ facilities, were got done by local agencies following well laid down procedures, rules and regulations of the company. All payments have

been made on actual work done basis and no payment has been made on forged bill.

(d) No irregularity has been committed and as such question of transfer of any official or inquiry does not arise.

(e) and (f) Do not arise in view of reply given to part (d) above.

Leasing rights to French Company for exploration of bauxite ores

2525. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the global corporate Pechiney of France has sought leasing rights from the Government of India for exploration of bauxite ores; and

(b) if so, how soon their application will be processed and leasing rights issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) No proposal has been received from the State Government of Orissa or from any other State Government for grant of mining lease for mineral bauxite in favour of Pechiney of France.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Promoting foremen to the posts of engineer in various projects of NCL

†2526. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the foremen engaged in the various projects of the Northern Coalfields Limited, Singrauli have been working on the same post for the last twenty years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the vacant posts of engineers (E-2)

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